

PREPARING METHOD OF CHIRAL ESTER

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

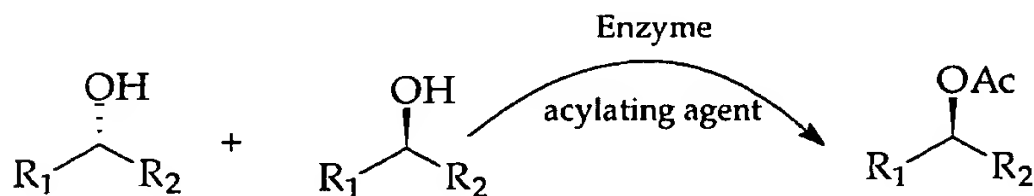
Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to a method for preparing a chiral ester and more particularly, the method for preparing an optically pure chiral ester from a racemic alcohol at a high yield.

Recently, studies for using a metal or an enzyme as a catalyst have been increased in asymmetric syntheses. It has been widely known to use an
10 enzyme as a catalyst for kinetic resolution of a racemic mixture in organic syntheses. A variety of effective methods for hydrolysis of an ester and acylation of an alcohol in the presence of lipase as a catalyst has been reported.

Kinetic resolution is the fact that the two enantiomers react at different rates with a chiral addend. An effective kinetic resolution is the
15 enantioselective conversion from a racemic mixture to an optically pure product as shown in scheme 1, leaving the other enantiomer in a reaction medium.

Scheme 1



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It is well known to prepare a chiral ester from a racemic alcohol by kinetic resolution using esterase. It is possible to obtain an optically pure ester but a maximum yield of this reaction is limited to 50% as shown in scheme 1. Therefore, dynamic kinetic resolution performing kinetic resolution and
25 racemization of an alcohol simultaneously is introduced to resolve such problems (scheme 2).